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.....As Fig. 2-6 shows, the vehicle undergoes a movement which is a combination of the above described two phenomena. In other words, regardless of driver's steering, the vehicle slides along a tangential direction of the curb while spinning irregularly.

As described above, although it is possible to effectively stop a vehicle by braking with a suitable strength, over-braking can lock up the wheels, which is the largest cause for various dangerous vehicle movements. Therefore, a driver must always be careful to avoid locking up the wheels by braking according to road and driving conditions, such as a freezing road, a snowy road, a graveled road, a rough road, a wet road, a dry road, a straight road, a curb, the speed of the vehicle, steering, and the like.

### **2.1.2. Shifting of load**

The weight of a vehicle is supported by the wheels. Therefore, as shown in Fig. 2-7, a vertical force, called a tire load, acts on the contact area of a tire and the road surface. Because of a braking force due to braking and an inertia force (mass  $\times$  acceleration/deacceleration), which acts on the center of gravity of the vehicle due to a centrifugal force when cornering, the tire load changes as follows.

#### **(1) Change due to braking**

A braking force generated by braking is expressed as a product of a tireload and a friction coefficient. A vehicle reduces speed at a rate proportional to a sum of braking forces. An inertia force, which is the same in magnitude as the sum of the braking forces, but in an opposite direction, i.e., in the driving direction, acts on the center of gravity of the vehicle. Therefore, a torque is generated, which tends to plunge the vehicle forward, resulting in an increase of  $\Delta W_b$  in tire load for front wheels and a decrease of  $\Delta W_b$  in tire load for rear wheels.

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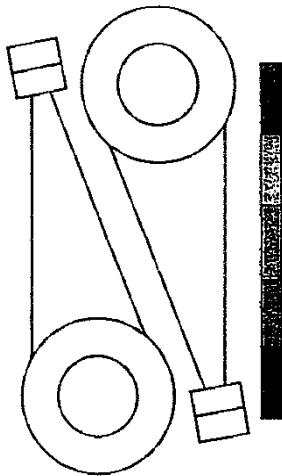
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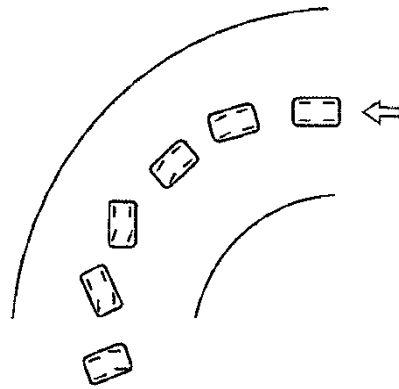


図 2-5 後輪だけがロックした場合 only rear wheels are locked up

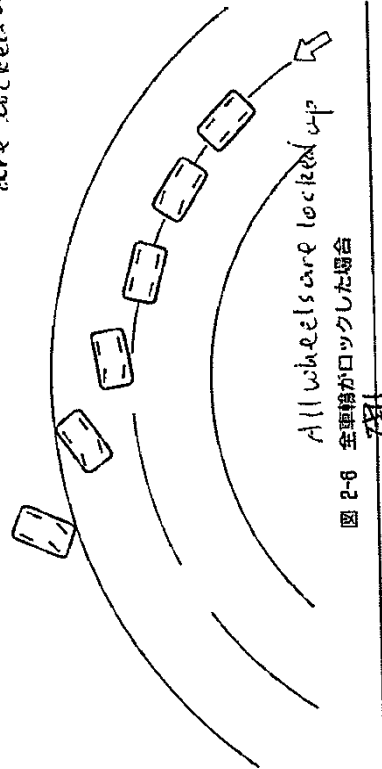


図 2-6 全車輪がロックした場合

れ、図 2-6 に示すように車両は上述の 2 つの現象を合わせた運動をする。すなわち、運転者のハンドル操作とはまったく無関係に不規則旋転しながらカーブの接線方向に滑って行く。

以上述べたように、適当な強さでブレーキをかければ効果的に車両を停止させることができるが、ブレーキを過ぎて車輪をロックさせると、それは種々の危険性を伴った車両の運動を生じさせる最大の原因となる。し

## 2.1 ブレーキ時の車両の運動 2.9

たがって、凍結路、雪道、砂利道、悪路、水に濡れた道路、乾いた道路、直進路、カーブなどの道路条件や、車両の速度、ハンドルの操作など道路条件や走行条件に応じて、常に車輪をロックさせないように注意してブレーキを操作しなければならない。

### 2.1.2 荷重の移動

車両の重量は各々の車輪によって支えられている。そのためにタイヤと路面との接触面には図 2-7 に示すようなタイヤ荷重と呼ばれる垂直方向の力が作用している。そして、このタイヤ荷重は、ブレーキ時の制動力やコーナーリング時の遠心力によって車両の重心に作用する慣性力（質量×加速速度）のために、次のように変化する。

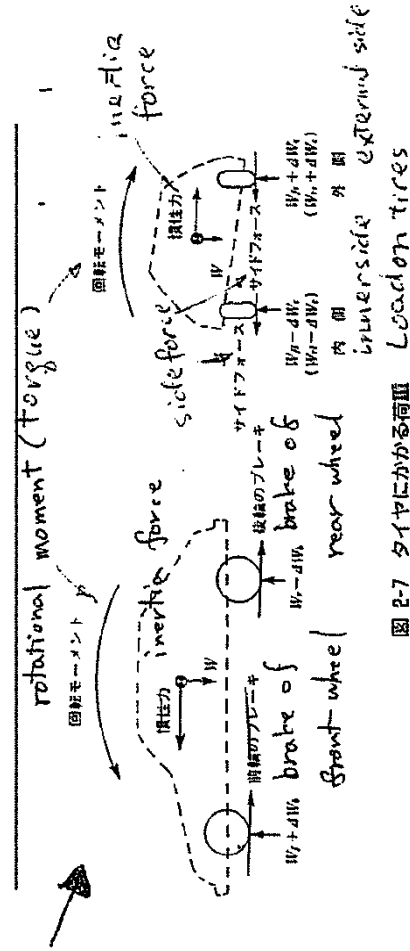


図 2-7 タイヤにかかる荷重 Location tires

#### (1) 制動力による変化

ブレーキ時に発生する制動力は、タイヤ荷重と制動摩擦係数の積で表される。そして車両は制動力の総和に比例して減速するが、この力と同じ大きさで方向が逆、つまり進行方向を向いた慣性力が車両の重心に作用する。そのため、車両が前のめりになるような回転モーメントが生じ、前輪ではタイヤ荷重が  $\Delta W_f$  だけ増加し、後輪では  $\Delta W_r$  だけ減少する。制動摩擦係

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Therefore, load on front wheels increases from 700 kg to 780 kg, while load on rear wheels decreases from 700 kg to 620 kg. As a result, according to load dependency of the cornering force, the cornering force of the front wheels increases, while the cornering force of the rear wheels decreases. This gives rise to a yaw moment as shown in Fig. 3-31(2), which causes the vehicle to spin. How should such a situation be handled?

There is only one thing a driver can do: brake and, at the same time, quickly turn the steering wheel back, so as to make the cornering force of the front wheels the same as the rear wheels, thereby avoiding a spin for the moment (Fig. 3-31(3)). However, there are not so many people capable of doing such steering at once. Mostly, a driver simply clings to the steering wheel and trusts to luck. Therefore, it is necessary to make improvement on the vehicle side.

#### **b) Stability improvement using a suspension property**

As an improvement using a suspension property, a general measure is a "toe-control" method. Specifically, the yaw moment shown in Fig. 3-31(2) can be reduced by making front wheels toe-out and rear wheels toe-in (Fig. 3-31(4)).

As a recent general trend, the toe-in property of the rear wheels arises in response to a longitudinal force applied to the suspension when braking, i.e., a so-called "longitudinal force compliance steer." On the other hand, the toe-out property of the front wheels is realized by combining the "longitudinal force compliance steer" and a "roll steer" that utilizes a dive (a plunge-forward posture of the vehicle) caused by braking, i.e., a "bound stroke."

However, in order to ensure braking stability, properly maintaining such suspension property alone is insufficient. As another important element, it is necessary to properly maintain braking force distribution between front and rear wheels. This subject will be introduced in section 1 of chapter 6. As a measure of further improving braking stability, there is a case where an LSD (Limited Slip Differential) property is used. This subject will be discussed in section 3 of chapter 6.

### **3-5 Vehicle posture control**

#### **(1) Vehicle posture control**

Tilting backward at a sudden acceleration, tilting forward at braking, and making a large roll during a cornering are general images of dynamic posture changes of a vehicle. These posture changes of a vehicle appear to be natural, considering a longitudinal load shift due to inertia force caused by starting or braking, and lateral load shift due to a centrifugal force.

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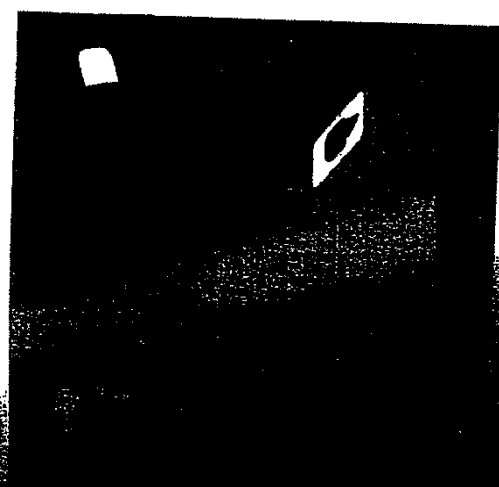
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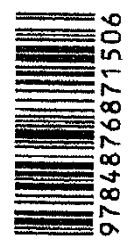
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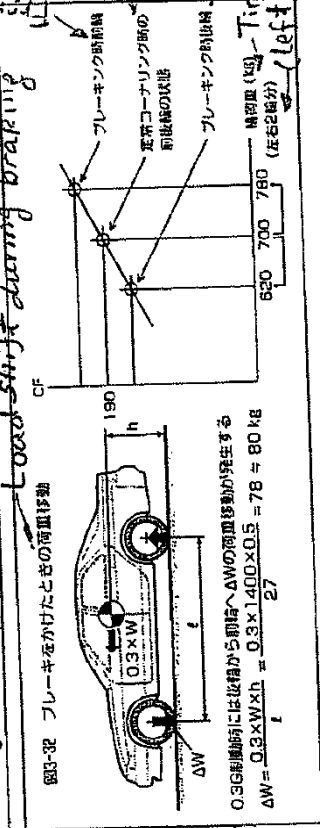
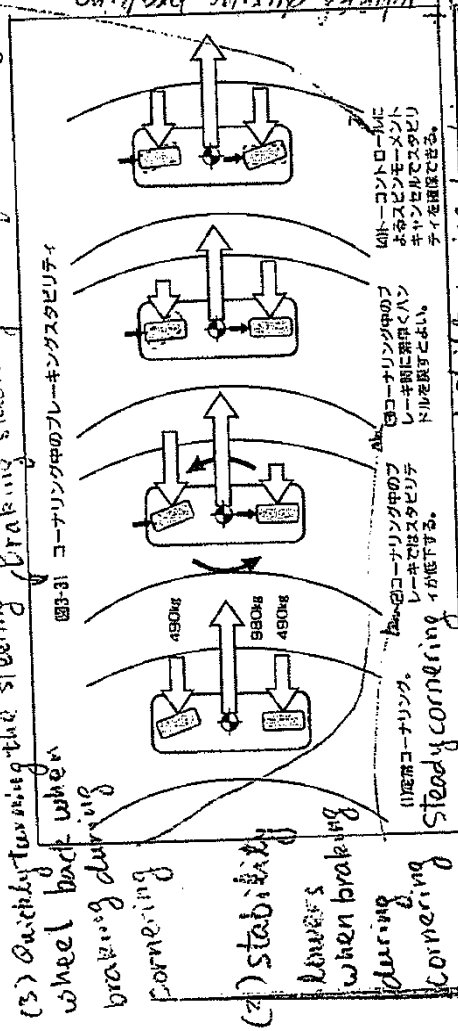
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Fig. 3-31. can be maintained by spin moment cancellation due to toe-control

(4) Stability maintained by spin moment cancellation due to toe-control



したがって前輪荷重は700kgから780kgへ増加し、また後輪荷重は700kgから620kgへと減少する。その結果コーニングフォアースの荷重依存特性により、前輪のコーニングフォアースは増大し、後輪のコーニングフォアースは減少する。これは図3-31(2)のような回頭モーメントとなり、車をスピンさせる原因となる。このような状況に陥った場合はどうすればいいか。

ドライバーにできることはひとつ。ブレーキと同時にハンドルを瞬時に切り戻し、前輪のコーニングフォアースを後輪と同じにすれば、ひたすらスピンから逃れられる(図3-31(3))。しかし、とっさにこのようなハンドル操作ができる人はそう多くはない。たいていはハンドルにしがみついで運を天に任ず状況となる。したがって、車側で改善の策を講じる必要が出てくる。

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である。具体的には図3-31(2)の回頭モーメントを減らせばよいから、ブレーキングに伴い、前輪はトーアウト、後輪はトーインとなればよい(図3-31(4))。

後輪のトーイン特性はブレーキングに際し、サスペンションに加わる前後力に応じて発生させるのが最近の一般的な傾向である。いわゆる「前後力コンプライアンスステア」である。一方、前輪のトーアウト特性については、「前後力コンプライアンスステア」と、ブレーキング時に発生するダイブ(車両姿勢の前下がり)、すなわちバウンドストロークを利用した「ロールステア」を組み合わせて実現していく。

しかし、ブレーキング時のスタビリティを確保するにはこのようなサスペンション特性の適正化だけでは不十分で、もうひとつの重要な要素として、前輪と後輪のブレーキ力配分の適正化が必要となる。これについては6章1節で紹介しよう。また、さらにブレーキング時のスタビリティを高める方策として、LSD(リミテッドスリップデフ)特性を活用する場合もある。これについては、6章3節でみることにしよう。

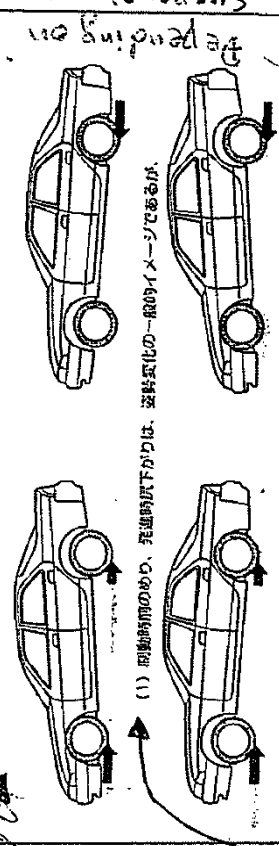
### 3-5. 車両姿勢コントロール

#### (1) 車両姿勢コントロール

勢いよく発進するときは尻下がりが、急ブレーキのときは前のめり。また、コーナリング時には大きなロールというのが一般的にイメージされる車両の動的姿勢変化である。これら車の姿勢の変化は、発進・制動時の慣性力による前後荷重移動や、遠心力による内外輪荷重移動から考えれば至極当然のようではある。

しかし、これらはサスペンションジョイントによってある程度コントロールできるものである。他の性能のことを考えずにセッティングすれば、発進時に尻上がり、制動

時には「Dynamic posture change of a vehicle during acceleration and deceleration」(図3-33) 加速、減速時の車の動的姿勢変化



forward tilting at braking and downward tilting at starting are general conception of posture changing



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